(d) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is playing a very active role in the development of North Eastern Region. It has carried out export potential studies of various North Eastern States. The Institute has also done various seminars and certificate courses in various North Eastern States.

LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in A.P.

*40. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of releasing LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of monthly kerosene quota which has been surrendered by the State in lieu of LPG connections;

(c) whether surrendering of kerosene quota has affected the small quantity users of the commodity; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have released 16.34 lakh LPG connections as on 31st May, 2002 under the Deepam Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As per the Deepam Scheme, monthly kerosene allocation @ 5 litres per LPG connection is reduced.

(c) and (d) The small quantity users would not be affected, as the reduction had been effected, as per the quantum agreed to by the State Government, on the new LPG connections under the Deepam Scheme on the assumption that these LPG consumers would not require any SKO allocation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Posting of CISF personnel at airports

52. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to entrust the security of all airports in the country to the Central Industrial Security Force;

(b) if so, the number of airports where the CISF personnel have already been posted; and

(c) by when all the airports will have CISF personnel posted there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) A decision has been taken for induction of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at 61 operational airports in the country. CISF has already been deployed at 38 airports, and is being inducted at the remaining airports in a phased manner.

Extra fare for overweight passengers

53. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines propose to implement policy of charging extra fares to overweight passengers like other foreign airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatization of airports at metro cities

54. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to privatize airports at four metro cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of parties which have shown interest to take over the management of these airports; and

(c) what are the main conditions in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK):-(a) The Government of India on 12-01-2000 has approved in principle the restructuring of airports of Airports Authority of India as and when found suitable through long term leasing route. In the first instance, the airports located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up under this exercise.